

April 2 Call to Sharon Babtiste

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Sharon found a place for us to meet. It is large enough to accommodate 70 people which are what Sharon expects for a turnout. Alsen Community Center, 670 Raye-Mayer Road, Alsen Louisiana. Thursday April 23, from 5:30 to 7:30. Larry Kiwley 225-774-8079. Sharon said they had table and chairs, wasn't sure about a Microphone. She thought we would need one because sometimes the children get a little loud in the center, playing games.

She also thought we would need a flip chart. Don mentioned we might need a backup date and I told her I would call the center and work out the details.

There are 5 churches in Alsen, which I will research on the internet. There aren't any schools in Alsen, so the children attend schools in neighboring towns. There is a head start program available and is located at the Community Center. TOSC has previously done some things with the head start program back in 2004. TOSC provided worksheets and focused on environmental justice and general environmental awareness issues. In 2007 they presented "Understanding the Basics of Environmental Justice and EJ in Brownfield's Redevelopment".

The local Newspaper is The Advocate and they have 3 TV Stations.

She mentioned that political representatives visited their meeting in the past and mentioned Susan Brown. I don't know who this is; she is probably a representative from one of the congressional offices.

Sharon voiced an opinion about not needing to wait anymore. Why can't we have a TAG? Petro Processing is on the NPL why do we have to wait. That's the problem and you're not taking care of us and that's why we have all the problems we have, people sick, etc... Then she stopped herself, and started to move on. I got the feeling that this was just a taste of what we are going to hear about; about doing nothing since the listing in March of 2004.

We need to take the Superfund process charts with us and be ready to explain where we are in the process.

TASK needs to be further explained especially in reference to the TOSC thing with the head start children.

MY QUESTIONS:

What happened to the questions after the listing comment period? Have any of them been addressed or weren't there any?

Who in enforcement is working on this? What are they doing and when was their last meeting with the PRP or Potential PRP? It's 3 years since it was purposed.

If we have to delay the meeting why is it so important that Bart be there, I know he is the RPM, but he hasn't done anything at the site and doesn't have plans to do anything until it is listed, right?

Do we need a note recorder at the meeting?

Do we need to have some one from EJ at the meeting?